(a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to develop Export Intensive Areas Sub-Plan Scheme for drawing-up short term plans of assistance to upgrade infrastructural facilities.

(b) The Export Intensive Areas Sub-Plan Scheme proposal envisases measures to remove bottlenecks in the export effort in important export production centres depending on the requirement of the Centre concerned. It is proposed to co ordinate with State Governments to remove such infrastructural bottlenecks. The proposal has been sent to planning Commission for consideration.

(c) Presently a proposal for Tirupur is under consideration.

Import Conditions on Seafood

1794. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the European Community Countries have issued new import conditions for Indian seafoods; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken steps to face this new situation?

THE MTNISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The Council of the European Community has issued a directive in Julv, 1991 laying down conditions and procedures governing import of marine products from third countries including India. This Directive will come into effect on 1st January, 1995 at the end of the transitional period.

fb) Marine Products Export Develop ment Authoritv (MPEDA) and the Export Inspection Agencv (EfA) have supplied detailed information regarding quality requirements of the European Union to the expecting community. A list of Tndian processing plants has been transmitted to the European Union as requ'red and their experts invited for assessing inspection and quality procedures in India. A notification has also been issued in November, 1994 under the Export Control Inspection Act requiring compliance by the industry to standards prescribed in the EC directive.

मध्य प्रदेश से प्राप्त लौह-अयस्क का निर्यात

1795. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रति वर्ष मध्य प्रदेश से लौह-अयस्क की कितनी मात्रा प्राप्त करके निर्यात की गई ;

(ख) क्या उक्त अवधि के दौरान लौह-अयस्क की अधिप्राप्ति और निर्यात में तीव्रता से गिरावट आयी है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) सरकार ने लौह-अयस्क के निर्यात में वृद्धि करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश से प्राप्त किए गए और निर्यात किए गए लौह-अयस्क की मात्रा निम्नानुसार रही :—

(मात्रा : लाख मी० टन)

वर्ष	निर्यात हेतु मध्य प्रदेश से प्राप्ति	विजागपत्तन के जरिए मध्य प्रदेश मूल के लौह-अयस्क का निर्यात
1991-92	52.44	50.44
1992-93	43.14	39.55
1993.94	43.23	41.58

(ख) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश मूल के लौह-अयस्क की प्राप्ति तथा निर्यात में गिरावट मूल रूप से विजाग स्टील प्लांट तथा स्पंज/कच्चे लोहे के उत्पादकों की अधिक मांग के फलस्वरूप निर्यात हेतु बैलाडीला अयस्क की कम बेशी उपलब्धता के कारण आयी ।

Period for Initiating Anti-Dumping Investigations

1796. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

ia) whether India has cut short, the period for initiating anti-dumping investigations and pronouncement of the final order;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(js) whether it is a fact that in most anti-dumping cases, Indian industry is either not well-versed with the rules and regulations or submit incomplete information ;

(d) if so, how Government propose to overcome this:

fe) whether Government have, at any stage. cons'dered the repercms'ons of anti-dumping measures on the domestic producers as well as importers ; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER QF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) According to Article 5 of the GATr Code on anti-dumping. Anti-Dumping investigations shall, except in special circumstances be concluded within one year after their initiation. The customs Tariff. (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Duty or Additional Duty on dumped articles and for determination of injury) Rules 1985, provide tliat normally, the final finding shall be made within one year from the date of initiation of an investigation. Howevei, internally a time limit of 6 weeks has been laid down for initiation of investigation from the date of filing of an application complete in all respects. The preliminary and final findings are expected to be published within 4 and 9 months from the date of initiation. Thus, ihe total period of 9 months for completion of au investigation compares favourably with a time lilmit of 12 months laid down under GATT regulations.

(c) and (d) A perusal of petitions received from the domestic industry alleging dumping shows that the petitions are not complete. In order to overcome this deficiency the Government haye prescribed a simplified proforma conta'n-ing essential details that are required to *be.* filled in anti-dumping petitions. This proforma has been circulated to Apex bodies like CH, ASSOCHAM, FIEO etc. and interactions are held to clarify any doubts.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. The procedure required to be followed before levy of anti-dumping duty provides for holding of public hearings to enable the exporters, the importers, the domestic producers and other interested parties to present their case. The preliminary and the. final findings are made onlv after taking into account the arguments and the view points put forth by all these interested parties.

Study of Impact of Uruguay Round Negotiations on Agro-Indusiry

1797. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted by Government on the impact of the Uruguay Round of multinational trade negotiations boosting agro-industry; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and fb) It has been deeided to undertake studies on market access opportunities created bv the UfUBuay - Round of GATT Agreement witjLtSe objective of identifying India's export Prospects.

Enquiry into Import of Palmolein

1798. SHRT VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

fa) whether Government have since concluded the enquiry in the import of Palmolein by STC from Malaysia during the year 1993 ;

(b) if so. the details thereof; and

lo.\ the details of the action taken on the findings of the enquiry and if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): fa) to (c) The Report submitted by the Thief Vigilance Officer of the State Trading Corporation in the matter, is under examinat.on in the Ministry.

Export of Consultancy Services

1799. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will ihe Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

'a) the revenue earned bv Government from exDort of consultancy services during the last two years ;

(b) whether India's consultancy service run by both public and private sectors is facing a serious setback due to the role assigned to foreign consultants in every foreign-funded project in the country ;

kkk)if so, the details thereof:

lll) whether Government have received any representation from Indian Export Organisation Committee on Consultancy in this regard ; and if so. the reaction of Government thereon;

(e) whether a Conference on Development of Consultancy Trade in developing countries was organised by the UNtDO at Geneva and if so, what are the main reconMiiendations made by it; and

ff) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) Foreign exchange earnings from export of consultancy services, including computer software, during the last 2 years have been as under:—

Year	E. F. Earnings (Rs. Crores)
1992-93 . .	831
1993-94 . . .	1650 (estimated)

SOURCE : FIEO.